



MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 26, 1906.

IN THE role of defender of his belief against all comers, Dr. Torrey, the evangelist, now conducting meetings in Philadelphia, faced the largest audience that has yet gathered at a noonday meeting, in the Academy of Music yesterday. The news that he would answer questions of any sort concerning the Christian religion had gone far and wide, and a motley crowd came to hear him carry out his promise. There were doubters, deists, agnostics, atheists and unbelievers of every stamp sprinkled among the firm believers in the truth of the Bible. The stereotyped queries as to where Cain obtained a wife as well as what species of marine monster swallowed Jonah were propounded. The doctor had patience with each interlocutor, although there were times when some of the audience were inclined to drift into pleasantries. The fact, however, remained that he had succeeded in getting a miscellaneous audience most of whom seldom darken church doors, and is an indication of the fact that one mission of the church is to impart knowledge to such as have no opportunity to study into Biblical history or claims, but who are endowed with a keen relish for such things. Many truth-seeking people would respond to invitations to places where miscellaneous questions were propounded and explained, while it is not so easy to interest them in the formalities of devotion.

THE suspicion that the republicans are paving the way for an attack on southern election laws and southern State constitutions which limit the franchise was practically confirmed Saturday by the action of House election committee No. 3 on the Houston-Brooke contested election case from the Second Texas district. The committee adopted by unanimous vote the resolution offered by Mr. Cassel, of Pennsylvania, declaring Houston, the republican contestant, not elected. Then the question came on a resolution presented by Mr. Randall, of Texas, declaring that Brooke, the sitting democratic member, was elected. This resolution was voted down, the republican members voting solidly against it. This division proves that it is the purpose of the republicans to refrain from recognizing the legality of the Texas election law. As a matter of fact, the only restriction on the franchise in Texas is a poll tax, but if the republicans wish to open a fight for a reduction of southern representation in Congress they want the whole field open. It is understood the same course will be followed in a contested election case from Maryland.

RELING on the efficacy of prayer to cure her and having refused the services of a physician who had called to attend her, Mrs. Sallie Kautz died at her home in Lancaster, Pa., last night. Mrs. Kautz was attacked with severe pains in her head on March 10, and the next day a rash developed. Dr. Elwood S. Snyder diagnosed the ailment as erysipelas and offered to treat her immediately. There was a family consultation and it was finally decided to refuse medical aid and "trust in the Lord and resort to prayer." She became convalescent and seemed on a fair road to recovery until Thursday when she died very suddenly of endocarditis, a heart affection, which was superinduced by the erysipelas. The woman was the second wife of Daniel Kautz and was 37 years old. She was a member of the Dunkard church. Such occurrences as the above are becoming more common every day. That people should use the means put at their disposal is taught by the Creator as well as nature, as even the lower animals possess the instinct to seek certain plants when sick.

THE OPERATORS tell us that should the demands of the miners be met it would be necessary to increase the price of coal \$1.20 a ton, and they threaten to place the full burden of the matter upon the consumer.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, March 26. The Bureau of Navigation to-day received two dispatches from Lieut. Procter, commanding the tug Patomac, from Gibraltar. The first stated that the drydock Dewey had passed Gibraltar and the second that the Potomac was sailing to rejoin the dock. Presumably the dock was towed through the straits without a pause in her progress. The trip from the Canaries to the entrance to the Mediterranean was very successful. The department hopes that the long tow will pass through to the Suez canal without the annoying delays which hindered her trip across the Atlantic. The cruiser Tacoma has sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, for Gibraltar to keep in touch with the dock. She will pick her up somewhere east of Gibraltar and act as an auxiliary.

A financial crisis is passing over Portugal, according to Vice Consul Kitchin, the distress being particularly acute among the agricultural laborers in the wine districts of the north. So keen appears to be the suffering that the sub-

ject has been laid before the Parliament. In the House today Mr. Bixey introduced a bill for the relief of the estate of E. A. W. Hore, of Stafford county, and also for the relief of the trustees of Chappanamic Primitive Baptist Church, also of Stafford county.

The War Department has decided to furnish every soldier in the army with a "housewife"—a part of the soldiers' "kit." It will not exceed four ounces in weight and will contain assorted buttons, thread, needles, safety pins, ordinary pins and, if practicable, a small pair of scissors.

Captain W. A. Campbell, U. S. A., retired, of Rochester, N. Y., has just been instructed by the War Department that he cannot engage in the business of pension attorney. If he does he will find his retired pay cut off short. If he pleases, however, he may become a patent attorney or almost any other old kind of a lawyer. The point is that the law prohibits officers of the army from acting as agent or attorney for prosecuting any claim against the United States.

The big battleships Ohio and Wisconsin, with the gunboat Concord, sailed yesterday from Cavite, P. I., for Shanghai, China. Rear Admiral Train, commanding the Asiatic station, directs the ships in the Orient without explaining his purpose. It is presumed that the battleships have concluded their target practice in the south and are now going on a northern trip during the hot weather.

An official dispatch from Gov. Ide, received at the War Department today, states that Gov. George Curry, of Samar, is safe. There was an engagement between the Pulajanes and the constabulary in which 16 of the bandits were killed. Gov. Curry and several other Americans escaped from pursuing Pulajanes by swimming a river. Curry, in some manner, became separated from the rest of the party and was lost in the underbrush for 36 hours. According to Gov. Ide's cablegram he was uninjured.

Robert J. Shields, of Salt Lake, a Gentle, and the General Sales Agent of the Inland Crystal Salt Co., was the first witness called this morning when the inquiry into the case of Senator Smoot, of Utah, was resumed by the Senate committee on privileges and elections. He was called to refute the testimony of C. A. Saurthwaite, who declared that the Mormon church had tried to get a monopoly of the salt business in Utah, and had endeavored to drive him personally out of it.

Lily Hart, 22 years old, an actress playing at one of the local theatres, was found unconscious in her room at a Pennsylvania avenue hotel this morning, having been overcome by gas. She was revived at the Emergency Hospital.

The President today appointed Thos. H. Fox to be postmaster at Ashland, Virginia.

The races at Benning began today and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a fair crowd was in attendance.

Fifty-ninth Congress.

Washington, March 26.
SENATE.

Mr. Tillman presented to the Senate today a communication from M. F. Snyder, an attorney of Clarkburg, W. Va., in which he denounces the methods by which the railroads in that State were operated. He claimed that the State was helpless. He said he thought the South Carolina Senator was doing a grand work and that he was representing West Virginia better than his own Senators. "I submit this," explained Mr. Tillman, "in response to the satirical suggestion of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. Scott), that he would like to hear something every day of conditions in his State. I will endeavor to satisfy him."

HOUSE.

Upon convening today, the House adopted a resolution declaring that Jonah Kubiokalanano, delegate from Hawaii, is entitled to his seat which was contested by C. Iauken. The resolution recommended special legislation for the elections in Hawaii, the present method of choosing a delegate being faulty.

Matters pertaining to the District of Columbia were then considered.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

It was reported in Wall street, New York, today, that George E. Ide, president of the Home Life Insurance Company, would soon be made president of the Mutual Life.

Jonu M. Kirk, manager of the cabin department of the American Red Star Steamship line, died in New York this morning. Mr. Kirk had been in the service of the Inman, American and Red Star lines for about forty years.

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says that John W. Dunne, husband of Mary Marble, the actress, is critically ill at the Monticello hotel in Norfolk. His wife, who is starting in "Nancy Brown," was compelled to go on with the troupe to Annapolis Monday.

A dispatch from Columbus, O., says: There was no change in the condition of Governor Pattison this morning. He spent a restless night. There is good ground for the statement that the patient's chief trouble is due to a cancerous or other growth in the glands that interfere with the functions of the kidneys.

On a bill of complaint filed by Wesley M. Oler, of New York, against the Herald Publishing Company, in the United States Circuit Court in Baltimore today, Judge Morris appointed Lynn R. Meekins and Henry H. Head, receivers for the company. The order of the court directs them to continue the publication of the Evening and Sunday Herald.

About six o'clock this morning an accommodation train on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pottsville, Md., ran into a freight train. R. E. Carlin, fireman, had his leg broken. Traffic was delayed for several hours.

Eighth District Primary.

As stated in the Gazette of that day a meeting of the democratic congressional committee of the Eighth district was held at Manassas Saturday afternoon. An assessment was levied upon each candidate of \$500, which sum is required to be in the hands of the chairman by April 18. If by April 18 only one candidate has announced himself and complied with the terms of primary, the committee will meet and declare such candidate the democratic nominee. The committee fixed upon June 20th as the time for holding the primary. It is thought that Mr. Rixey, the present incumbent, will have no opposition. The committee failed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge James M. McCabe.

The Market.

Georgetown, March 26.—Wheat 68.25.

News of the Day.

The drydock Dewey passed Gibraltar on her way to the Philippines yesterday evening.

According to postmaster General Cortelyou's figures, it costs the government \$34,500 annually to mail seeds.

A tack in a cogwheel caused a spark that reduced to kindling wood the Phoenix Powder Factory, in East St. Louis.

Of six men who looted a savings bank in St. Petersburg, five were condemned to death and one to 20 years imprisonment.

Thomas W. Kiley, the missing millionaire merchant-banker and self-confessed bigamist, of Brooklyn, will live abroad with his legal wife.

Tallman F. Hulbert, of Breedsville, Mich., was married last week to Mrs. Annie M. Hulbert, of Jersey City, who had jilted him 40 years ago.

The residence of Julian Hawthorne, the novelist, at Yonkers, N. Y., was partly burned yesterday and the family library and a number of rare manuscripts ruined.

John C. McGowan, supposed to be the only man who ever escaped from Libby Prison in Richmond in daylight during the civil war, died in Washington yesterday.

Seven persons, representing three generations of the family of Neidig, near Sunbury, Pa., were killed Saturday evening by a wagon in which they were going to a family reunion, being struck by a train on the Reading Railroad.

A person of high standing in Russia, in an interview yesterday said that the danger in the crisis which would ensue with the meeting of the Parliament was that the reform programme would be overthrown, he said that an armed revolution was impossible.

Two bills were introduced in the House yesterday to put an end to the extravagant waste in the government printing bureau. The House passed 265 pension bills and passed the Senate act hazing bill with an amendment requiring cadet officers to report infancies of the rules.

Fire at midnight, starting in the rear of the Thornton dry goods store, at Fayetteville, N. C., destroyed half of the northern block on Hay street, West and Northwest Market Square, and the whole of Highsmith block to Highsmith Hospital. Rough estimates place the loss at from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Edwin Henry Brown, Jr., former State treasurer and associate judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, Maryland, died at Greensboro, Caroline county, yesterday. Death was due to paralysis, with which he was stricken Saturday afternoon, while driving from Greensboro to Centerville in company with Charles F. Rich.

Announcement was made Saturday in New York by the anthracite mine operators that they have on hand, within a radius of less than one hundred miles of New York city, a reserve supply of more than 9,000,000 tons good, marketable grades of anthracite coal. This is in addition to the supplies held by the dealers and large consumers.

Thirty-four girls working in Kinder's mills at Babianie, ten miles southwest of Lodz, Poland, on refusing to join a strike were on Saturday poisoned by a powder that was strewn upon the floor of the mill. One of the girls died from the effects of the poison and the remainder are seriously ill, ten of them not being expected to recover.

The anthracite coal operators have issued a statement embodying a calculation to show that an increase of 12 1/2 per cent in wages would necessitate an increase of \$1.20 a ton in the price of coal to the consumer. The operators feel that the public should be fully informed upon this point, as it will be absolutely impossible to sell coal for less than this increase if the demands be allowed.

The stormy romance of Alfonso Zelaya, son of the Nicaraguan President, and Miss Marguerite Lee Baker, of Washington, reached a happy culmination Saturday when the couple were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. William M. Baker. But few friends were present and the affair was kept a secret, it having been announced that it would not occur until next week.

"Scotty," the Death Valley miner, who has been in the limelight because of a rapid trip across the country on the Santa Fe and his stories of a fabulously rich mine in the desert, was arrested in San Francisco Saturday night on a warrant from San Bernardino charging him with being concerned in the shooting of his brother Warren and ambushing a party of Boston mining men, with a mining expert, while he was acting as their guide.

Charles Moran, a member of the Bridgemans and Housemiths' Union, who was arrested in New York several weeks ago with two other ironworkers, charged with attempting to dynamite the Bliss Building, being erected on East 23d street by Post & McCord, made a complete confession Saturday to Assistant District Attorney Train. Mr. Train says he implicated several walking delegates of the New York and New Jersey branches of the union, declaring that they put up the money to have not only the Bliss Building dynamited, but other buildings destroyed and the work of construction halted.

The second trial of the Hermann-Tompkins manslaughter case was concluded Saturday evening in Hagerstown, Md., and the jury returned a verdict of guilty on the first count, which charges Dr. Joseph H. Tompkins with committing the crime, and F. William Hermann with aiding and abetting. The highest sentence that can be imposed is ten years in the penitentiary. Hermann is a young druggist and Tompkins is a negro physician, both of Cumberland, where their victim, Miss Jean Maxwell, died last June of blood poisoning, following an illegal operation performed by Dr. Tompkins at the request and with the aid of Hermann.

Accident to Passenger Train.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 26.—A passenger train went through a culvert on the Northwestern Railway twenty miles west of Casper, Wyo., this morning. Eight persons were killed and seventeen injured. Railroad bridges were washed out and surgeons are going to the scene in wagons.

It seems the only rational remedy for Coughs and Colds would be to move the bowels and cure the mucous membranes of the throat and lungs at the same time. Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Treacle is the Original Laxative Cough Syrup, the best known remedy for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc. Tastes good and harmless. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co., 40 King street.

Virginia News.

R. C. Stearns, of Salem, has been selected as secretary of the Virginia State Board of Education.

The democratic committee of the Third district Saturday fixed July 10 as the date for the primary to nominate a candidate for Congress.

Representative Carter Glass will be a candidate for the democratic nomination to the governorship in 1909. This is his determination at present.

Many employees of the government navy yard at Norfolk are out of work because of the failure of Congress to appropriate money to cover deficiencies.

Mrs. Obed Cooksey, of Leesburg, who was seriously injured at the Southern Railway station at Ashburn, has compromised her claim for damages at \$500.

A. J. Griffith, of St. Louis, Mo., died in that city Friday. He was 55 years of age, a native of Jefferson county, W. Va., and a son of the late J. T. Griffith.

After pacing his floor restlessly all night, Truman Stoddard, aged 72 years, who has been in ill health for some months, left the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Leslie Taylor, in Richmond, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, going in the direction of James river, and has not been heard from since. It is feared he is drowned. The old man had threatened to end his earthly miseries for sometime.

COURT OF APPEALS.

The Court of Appeals adjourned Saturday for the term, the next meeting to be held June 5 at Wytheville.

It is understood that the court will convene in Richmond in extra term if the land assessment cases can be gotten ready by the middle of April. One of the cases has already reached the office of the attorney-general, it is understood, but it is not thought likely that the court will be called to pass upon the cases till enough have matured to settle for once and all the points involved. There are said to be three different cases to be passed upon by the court when the matter is presented.

1. Those who have made no effort to have the assessments corrected on the ground that the assessment is void and illegal.

2. Mandamus to compel the commissioner of the revenue to assess as per the law of 1900, and not that of 1905.

An appeal from Judge Whit, of the Corporation Court, whichever way the cases now pending may be decided.

The case of Lanky vs. Burrell was argued Saturday and submitted. The court refused to grant a rehearing in the case of Morton C. Remens, of Wise county, recently convicted of murder and sentenced to hang. The man was to pay the penalty of his crime Friday, but he was respited by Governor Swanson till April 7. It is not thought that the execution will be delayed further than the time named in the respite.

Two Deaths in One Family.

On Friday, the 16th, Mr. Albert Makley, a well known citizen of Centerville district, died of paralysis at his home near Clifton, aged 73 years. The circumstances connected with his case were peculiarly suggestive of the uncertainty of life. We are told that on the Tuesday preceding his death he got a friend to write his will. He was paralyzed Tuesday night, and died, as stated, on Friday. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Gilbert B. Spindle and Mrs. Robert Hawes, and three sons—Messrs. Harry L. James W., and Clinton Makley. His remains were interred in the family burying ground on Sunday.

On Saturday morning his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sadie Makley, wife of Mr. Harry L. Makley died, after a protracted illness of consumption, at her home at Centerville, and was buried in the cemetery there on Monday. She was about 30 years old and leaves, beside her husband, one sister and two small children. Mrs. Makley was a daughter of the late Benj. Simpson, who for a number of years was the Supervisor for Centerville district. She was a most estimable lady and her death carries sadness to many hearts.—[Fairfax Herald.]

The Oil Trust.

In New York Saturday the Standard Oil trust, through its active manager, Henry H. Rogers, capitulated to Attorney General Hadley, of Missouri, after a long fight, and consented to answer questions about the trust's ownership of the stock of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis and the Republic Oil Company of New York.

Mr. Rogers admitted in a long and carefully worded answer, which was prepared by the lawyers for the respondents, that the majority of the stock of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and all the stock of the Republic Oil Company was held for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. He also admitted that all the shares of stock of the Waters-Pierce Company standing in the name of M. M. Van Buren, son-in-law of John D. Archbold, of the trust, are held for the Standard Oil Company. This is the first time that the Standard Oil Company has ever admitted that it is a trust.

Gov. Swanson's Staff.

Gov. Swanson on Saturday announced the list of the membership of his staff, as follows:

Eugene C. Massie, chief of staff, Richmond; George E. Cameron, Petersburg; Joseph T. Lawless, Norfolk; E. S. Reid, Chatham; Thomas B. McAdams, Richmond; L. O. Pettit, Big Stone Gap; Garland P. Moore, Cape Charles; J. Scott Parrish, Richmond; James P. Woods, Roanoke; J. E. West, Suffolk; Nelson S. Groom, Hampton; W. F. Jayne, Richmond; Pannill Kuckler, Martinsville; Robert P. Holt, Newport News; A. Buford, Jr., Richmond; R. R. Roberts, Chatham City; James A. Scott, Lynchburg, and W. C. Walte, Culpeper.

Letter to W. H. May & Son.

Alexandria, Virginia.
Dear Sirs: If our agent charges you 10 cents more for a gallon of paint than somebody else, don't think he is making more profit; we charge him more; it costs us more. It is all right, your paint and fair measure. No other point is all paint, true paint, and full measure, so far as we know. That is wrong. We know some that are pure and full-measure, but weak, this too much and too little lead and zinc, and honest sort of weakness, don't know any better, may be. It amounts to this: so far as we know: and we think we know the whole American trade; there is no other name but Devoe that stands for paint, full-measure, and right proportion. That's why it takes less gallons and wears longer. Yours truly, F. W. DEVOE & CO. P. S.—E. S. Leadbeater & Sons sell our paint.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Attempted Murder and Suicide.
New York, March 26.—Louise French, a pretty French girl, twenty-one years old, who was employed at her father's restaurant, the Tirol, 103 west 88th street, as a waitress and cashier, was shot this morning by a former waiter at the place, known by the name of "Victor," and is not expected to live.

After shooting the girl Victor sent a bullet into his own brain, and ended his life. Victor's passion for the girl and the fact that she did not return his affection led to the tragedy. His protestations of love for the girl became so ardent and he annoyed her so that a week ago her father discharged the waiter. He continued to pursue her, however, pressing his suit. This morning Victor entered the restaurant, which is on the parlor floor of the building, and ordered a bottle of wine. Shortly after Louise came down from up stairs where she lived, dressed in a flowing kimono. Victor spied the girl and at once started toward her. He met her at the head of a flight of stairs and there besought her to run away with him. He attempted to hug and kiss her. Louise called to another waitress named Therese Renide, saying: "Tell mamma this horrible man is here again." As Victor tried to embrace her, she screamed and fought him off. "Well, it is off, so I suppose I might as well kill you and myself, too," he exclaimed. He whipped out a revolver and fired two shots which took effect into the girl's right breast. He then fired a shot into his own head and fell dead.

An ambulance was summoned and took the girl to the New York Hospital, where it is said she will probably die.

Battle With Insane Convict.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 26.—Two dead and two injured men are the results of a battle with an insane negro convict at the penitentiary at 5:30 this morning. The dead are: James Wood, a guard, and "Sunny" Anderson, his murderer, who was sent up from Macon, for four years on the charge of assault to kill. Two other convicts who tried to save Wood from the desperate criminal were severely stabbed. Anderson was killed by the guards while defending himself with buckets of slop in the third story of the cell building. It is not known who fired the fatal shot, as Captain See, deputy warden, and about fifteen guards were shooting at him whenever he showed himself.

The trouble occurred as the convicts were being released from their cells for breakfast. When Wood opened the door of Anderson's cell the prisoner became violent. Wood shoved him back when he jumped upon the guard and knocked him down and then kneeling upon his stomach, stabbed him in the left side with a shoe knife. Then he jumped up and ran away. Wood struggled to a sitting posture and drawing his revolver fired at the fleeing convict. The bullet went wide and Wood sank back from weakness. The negro then ran back and stabbed him twice more, nearly severing his right arm. Two other convicts saw the attack, and ran to Wood's assistance. Anderson slashed them both and then ran up the stairs to the top tier of the cell block.

One of these, William Sheridan, a St. Louis negro, was severely cut in the side. William Rockwell, a one armed white man, was cut about the body.

The Operators and Miners.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26.—That a deep political scheme lies back of the so far unexplainable delay of the miners and operators in getting to an agreement as to wages has come to be one of the prevailing topics about the hotels, where representatives of the two sides are stopping. Continuing today, the joint scale committee has been in session six days. The members are tired out and many delegates to the miners' convention, residing in nearby states, have returned to their homes to await the calling of the joint conference. From sources close to the inside comes the information that the question of wages is not the real cause of the delay, but that the trust forces are in reality seeking to embarrass President Roosevelt. The people who give the big orders have determined that, at all costs, Theodore Roosevelt must be put out of the running as a great political factor. At the same source it is stated that the operators have since the matter of wages was first brought up been determined that there shall be no strike.

Picks up Severed Ear.

Asbury Park, March 26.—Morris Robbins, son of Township Committeeman C. Palmer Robbins, had his ear torn completely from his head Saturday night. Robbins was unloading baled hay in Founder Bradley's barn when his ear was caught between a bale of hay and the iron rod on which the barn door slides. After he had received medical attention Robbins recovered the severed ear. "While it won't help me much in my business," he said sadly, "I somehow want to have it around."

Death of Charles G. Holland.

New York, March 26.—Charles G. Holland, for many years connected with the Associated Press, died at his residence, No. 235 west 108th street, this morning. The cause of death was Bright's disease. Mr. Holland was about 60 years of age, and was a native of Washington, D. C. He is survived by a widow and one daughter.

Report from Governor Curry.

Manila, March 26.—An official report was received here today from Governor Curry, of Samar, recounting the recent engagement with the Pulajanes, at Magatatan. This news from Curry puts a quietus to the report that he had been killed by the Pulajanes and his body mutilated.

Battleship New Jersey.

Boston, March 26.—The new battleship New Jersey left her anchorage in the harbor at 2:30 o'clock this morning for her official trip and run over the government course off Rockland. She passed out through Broad sound at 8:30 a. m., preceding at a fast clip. The trial board embarked early this morning.

New York Stock Market.

New York, March 26.—Although the trading was small in volume during the first hour, the tone of the market was decidedly strong in many issues. Commission houses again complained of the lack of business.

DIED.

On March 26, 1906, BRIDGET THERESA, widow of Michael Hart, in her 62nd year. Funeral from the residence of R. H. Lyles, 307 south Fairfax street, Wednesday, at 9:30 a. m.

Sunday night, March 25, 1906, MALINDA E. the widow of the late John E. and mother of Chas. D. and Hazel Rose Johnson, aged 60 years. Remains at Demaine & Son's undertaking establishment. Funeral Wednesday at 9 o'clock from Roberts Chapel, M. E. Church.

Fire in New York.

New York, March 26.—The entire large brick building at the southwest corner of Bedford and Downing streets was gutted in short order by a fire which broke out about 12:30 this afternoon, and the firemen are now having time to bring the blaze under control. The building in which the fire originated is a seven-story structure, occupied by manufacturing concerns. The fire started on the fourth floor in the plant of the Standard Thread Company. It rapidly communicated to the floors above and below, and inside of half an hour the entire structure had been gutted. The fire was very spectacular. The flames rose high in the air and leaped from the windows, threatening to communicate to all the adjoining buildings. Flying embers were sent heavenward in great profusion and fell over a distance of several blocks, threatening more damage. There were 500 men and girls at work in the building at the time of the fire. When the alarm of fire was given they rushed pell men from the structure using the fire escapes and many of them jumping from the windows of the second floor. A number of persons suffered wrenched ankles or slight hurts as the result of jumping. So far as is known no lives were lost. It has been impossible, however, to make any investigation. The flames spread so rapidly that it is miraculous if all did escape alive. It is feared that when the fire is out, it will be found that some lives were lost.

During the fire there were repeated explosions. The Empire Company, makers of celluloid goods, occupied the middle of the building, and when the flames reached the chemicals explosions followed each other rapidly. The firemen soon saw that it would be useless to try to combat the flames in the corner building, and at once directed their attempts to saving surrounding buildings. The fire is spreading. The west wall of the Metal Stamping Company's building collapsed and several of the firemen were injured. Firemen Cohen and McCune, of engine 14, were found under a pile of debris, in the rear of 36 Carmine street. They were carried out by members of the fire patrol and hurried to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Five firemen have been taken from under a falling wall. The condition of two is critical. Three small buildings at the corner of Bedford and Carmine streets are enveloped in flames.

The Castellane Divorce Case.

Paris, March 26.—It is learned that the hitch in the Castellane divorce proceedings at the time of the preliminary hearing when Count Boni pleaded that he was ill with influenza in order to avoid appearing before Judge Ditté was caused by a question which has arisen over the disposition of the children. Boni has discovered a new point to his disadvantage and he is playing for time in order that this new influence may be utilized to induce his wife to sue merely for a separation instead of for absolute divorce. These preliminary hearings have now been fixed for next Saturday, when husband and wife will appear before the Court. Boni's discovery which he is trying to use to force Countess Anna to change her suit is that since he committed no crime or felony he is entitled to the custody of one of the children. The only way by which Countess Anna can retain all the children is by coming to an amicable understanding with her husband in regard to the separation. As Countess Anna has made the arrangements to return to America with the three children, as soon as the case has been settled, Boni sought to gain time in order that these facts might be impressed upon his wife, hoping thus to influence her to have her suit changed once more back to an action for legal separation.

Emperor's Speech on Yachts.

Berlin, March 26.—At a conference of the German yacht clubs today Emperor William, delivered a lengthy speech regarding measurements of yachts for racing purposes and voiced the opposition to certain proposals made at a conference held recently in London on this subject. He declared the necessity of maintaining a separate small class of yachts because it had been proved that these had encouraged amateur yachting. Whatever the international conference on yachts might decide, the emperor declared his determination to encourage the continued existence of this separate class of yachts by offering numerous liberal prizes for races. The Kaiser, during his speech and the discussion that followed, revealed a complete knowledge of the technicalities of yacht construction sailing, measurements and other nautical intricacies. The imperial lecture excited much enthusiasm among the delegates.

Well Worth Trying.

W. H. Brown, the popular, tension attorney, of Pittsfield, Vt., says: "Next to a pension, the best thing to get is Dr. King's New Life Pills." He writes: "They keep my mind in splendid health." Quick cure for Headache, Constipation and Bilefulness. Guaranteed at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons drug store.

REV. J. P. STUMP.

Alexandria, Va., March 26, 1906. To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette.
Rev. J. P. Stump, of the Washington street M. E. Church, Alexandria, Va., preached his farewell sermon to a large and appreciative audience last night; as his pastoral term expires with the close of this conference year by limitation, he having served this charge faithfully for four years. The subject matter of his text was the conclusion of the whole matter, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." He spoke earnestly and feelingly to one of the largest congregations ever assembled in this church, composed not only of his own people but representative people from all the churches and cities as well. He said: "I came not among you with exchequers of words or man's wisdom, but determined to know nothing among you but Jesus and him crucified." He spoke feelingly and appreciatively of his people and association with them and said they had been of the most pleasant and cordial character, and that their faithfulness and hearty co-operation has assisted him wonderfully in his work, and had been a great help to him in his ministry; that he had never spent a more pleasant four years among any former charge and served a more loyal and faithful people, and that his four years here would be to him one of the brightest ones along life's pilgrimage, and that the kindness he had received at the hands of this people would never be forgotten